



Barley Lane Primary School

Parent Forum Notes

14th June 2023 5–5:40pm – Zoom

Email: parentforum@barleylane.redbridge.sch.uk



In attendance:

Staff: Mr Henry (Headteacher)

Parents: approx. 14 parents attended

Notes	Actions
<p>1. Welcome and Actions from the previous meeting Mr Henry thanked parents for joining. A number of agenda items had been emailed in advance. Actions from previous meeting in May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent Consultation: School to survey parents in the autumn term about preferences for parent consultations and consider returning to in-school meetings. A parent asked whether we could have a combination of virtual and face-to-face at the same time, Mr Henry said it might be tricky with timings and queues but consider it when we survey. - Uniform: School to reiterate to families the importance of correct uniform and continue to follow up on those not wearing it - School Dinner Menu: School to work with catering and MIS system companies to investigate whether the systems could 'talk' to each other reducing the issue of food running out. This is ongoing. - Cultural Heritage Day: School to consider a cultural heritage event in the next academic year, based on curriculum topics. - Partition Education Group: School to explore the PEG and their resources, consider whether they could be incorporated into our curriculum. We have made contact with this organisation and have a meeting arranged with another Redbridge School later in June to discuss their experiences - DEFRA Air Quality Project: See agenda item below. 	
<p>2. Local Safety and Security There have been a number of concerns raised by police in recent weeks relating to the behaviour of members of the public outside the school premises: footpath, Barley Lane Recreation Ground, school trips. Police have been notified on each occasion and no threat to safety within the school grounds have been made.</p>	School to continue to be vigilant and report issues to police. Parents to make school aware of any safety issues
<p>3. Spinney Pond-Dipping A parent asked if the children will be accessing the school Spinney pond for pond-dipping. The pond is full of life at the moment, this year the school has invested in outdoor furniture, equipment, storage sheds and the children have a timetabled outdoor learning slot. Some year groups have been pond-dipping, e.g. Year 4 and Year 6. Others will be encouraged.</p>	School to continue to promote outdoor learning and use of Spinney
<p>4. Redbridge Mental Health Support Team A parent requested that the school consider expressing interest in working with Redbridge Mental Health Support Team (MHST), who have recently are running webinars this week for all Redbridge parents and carers. School has been working closely with the Redbridge Education Psychology Service (REWT) team this year, which will continue into 2023-24. We have presented at a Redbridge REWT conference this year on our work with REWT, and we have been receiving training on trauma-informed practice which we are looking to implement on a school-level next year.</p>	

<p>5. Keith Axon Library A parent query as to whether the school plans to make regular visits to the Library. This has been discussed at length over the year and with library staff. A decision has been made not to plan in regular visits due to the time taken to walk to Keith Axon, and the investment we have made in our internal libraries. However, we may carry out some one-off visits with specific year groups and encourage parents to take the children themselves in own time via our newsletter.</p>	
<p>6. Redbridge Museum Schools Programme A parent has made the school aware of the Redbridge Museum Schools Programme which is based in Redbridge Library in Ilford. School will consider this, and the information has been passed to our history/geography leader.</p>	
<p>7. Annual Picnic We have received very positive feedback in relation to our picnic last Friday and a query as to whether we consider doing this as annual picnic, if there were enough parent volunteers willing to help? Yes, we most certainly will!</p>	School to add a picnic to our calendar for 2023-24
<p>8. BLPSFA / Fundraising Activities Parent query as to whether there be any fundraising activities at school including fireworks etc. Mr Henry confirmed that the fireworks event which took place in November 2022 was the final one, the 25th event. He thanked the Friends' Association for all their hard work over the years and explained that, in its current format, it was no longer working as we had wished. He acknowledged that there were a number of parents who volunteered to help at various events and thanked them, but that there did not appear to be sufficient commitment to joining the committee itself; However, we do look forward to working with parents who are interested next year and afterwards, reviewing how we do it to bring it in line with changes in society – e.g. commitment to specific events as opposed to full committee and financial commitments.</p>	
<p>9. DEFRA Air Quality Project School agenda item: thank you to those who have already expressed interest in this project and for engaging with the team yesterday after school. More will follow on this.</p>	
<p>AOB A parent requested that the school place lost property boxes in the KS1 area as well as KS2, as it's not always easy to make that journey to find lost property.</p>	School to consider a lost property area in the KS1 corridor for ease of access.
<p>Time and Date of Next Meeting: Dates for the new academic year will be set in September</p>	